

MINUTES OF THE
FREMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (EDAC)
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016, 8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
ARDENWOOD CONFERENCE ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVENUE, BUILDING A

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Burns, Cardenas, Chang, Chugh, Duarte, Ebner, Gaeta, Tran

Commissioners Absent: Bonior

Staff Present: Kelly Kline, Economic Development Director
Jennifer Chen, Economic Development Coordinator
Kim Marshall, Economic Development Specialist
Hans Larsen, Public Works Director

Introductions of staff and commissioners occurred.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The regular minutes of March 3, 2016 were approved. MSC Cardenas 1st/Tran 2nd, all ayes

4. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Tran mentioned the CCIM Bus Tour of Downtown Fremont and the Warm Springs Innovation District on May 24.

5. **COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:**

Industrial/Manufacturing

Sobrato application has been received. It will include four 120,000 sf office buildings and one 100,000 sf manufacturing building

Advanced Manufacturing/Emerging Technology

Recast City will analyze and study the City's small scale-manufacturing and its role in placemaking, job growth, and economic opportunities for the City.

EPA Secretary Gina McCarthy toured several Fremont solar companies including Nextracker and Solaria.

Downtown

State Street groundbreaking will happen in June or July of this year.

The Capitol Avenue Phase 2 street improvements will be complete by this Fall.

Commercial/Retail

Tilly's has signed a lease at Pacific Commons.

May 14th Chalk Artist event will be held at The Block.

Campo di Bocce has acquired the City Beach space and will open soon.

Marketing/Branding

The Biomedical infographic is complete. It has a regional focus. There are 1,100 biomed companies in the Bay Area. Fremont is strong in medical device manufacturing.

Fremont Chamber of Commerce

Ribbon Cutting for EV Chargers will be held May 12. This is a great public/private partnership between Delta, ProLogis, Fremont Chamber, and Gridscape.

6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON CORPORATE SITE VISITS

There were four visits: Instor Solutions, Tezzow Tech Inc., Ellison Technologies, and Pivot Interiors.

7. COMMISSIONER/STAFF REPORT ON SVEDA, EAST BAY EDA, OTHER MEETINGS

8. SCHEDULED ITEMS

8.1 Smart City Strategy

Hans Larsen, Public Works Director, gave an overview of the city's application for the Smart City Challenge. Fremont's proposal included a cohesive system including: a demonstration site in Downtown Fremont of an electric shuttle; connected vehicles via smart phones (test site); mobility as a service – sensor based infrastructure using data analytics; and EV usage.

Fremont wants to rethink mobility by using emerging technologies/advanced transportation solutions (automated, connected, and electric).

Although Fremont was not chosen as a finalist in the federal grant, there are \$77 million in regional (Measure BB) funds available. Fremont priorities include Irvington BART, 680 express-lane, Mission Boulevard improvements, and an East/West connection between Union City and Fremont.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The next EDAC meeting will be July 7, 2016. Potential topics include Artist Walk Update or Warm Springs 'Last Mile' Transit Study.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.